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Applicants : Toshihiko Oyama et al. Confirmation No.: 2814

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2)

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application consider the Information Disclosure Statement being submitted concurrently herewith.

A check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed. If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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